miles is under consideration. With regard to the rest of the road, I understand from the Chief Engineer that it is in a fairly good condition.

As regards the bridge, I do not think it is right to say that the Government have given up the idea of improving the bridge. The intention is to refer that matter to the Road Board.

MEMBER: My Association have quite recently asked me to represent that their interests may be safeguarded on the Road Board by the representation of one of their members on the Nagercoil and Quilon District Boards. We have no representation now.

DEWAN: I shall consider that question.

MEMBER: Thank you very much.

44. Glenmary and Church-Hill Grant-in-aid roads.

MR. A. R. ST. GEORGE (*Central Travancore Planters' Association*) said that, when at the previous session of the Assembly he requested the Government to take up the maintenance of the roads, he was told in reply that the question would be left to the Road Board for decision. Now that the Road Boards were formed, he requested that the matter might be referred to the Devicolam District Road Board so that they might advise the Government to take up the roads from the beginning of 1106. He said that in that Board his Association was not represented. Formerly the roads in question were known as "Planters' roads"; but now they were used by the general public who however paid no contribution towards their upkeep. The bulk of the cost of maintenance was met by the estates, their share being three or four times the contribution paid by the Government. But latterly some estates refused to pay any contribution at all. He therefore requested once more that the roads might be taken up for departmental maintenance from the beginning of 1106.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. St. George, with regard to these roads, I shall send these suggestions of yours to the District Road Board as soon as it begins to work.

With regard to your grievance that there is no representative for the Central Travancore Planters' Association on the Board, I find from the rules that there is provision for two representatives of the Planters' Associations. The Associations are the Mundakayam Planters' Association and the Kanan Devan Planters' Association. Your request is that your Association also should be represented. I will consider that and pass orders.

45. Public Works in the Kayankulam Town.

MR. P. V. IRUPPOOTY (*Municipal Council, Kayankulam*) first spoke about the need for converting into a public road the lane from the motor bus stand on the Kayankulam-Karunagapalli road to St. Antony's church landing. The work was most necessary as the lane was a much frequented one and situated in a very important and busy part of the town. The Government had also felt the need for the work and had agreed to sanction it if the Municipal Council would undertake

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